

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A non-fried and dehydrated food product which simulates a fried food product in taste and mouth-feel and stably retains the color tint inherent to a food material, and which is [[,]] obtained by

i) heating and dehydrating a food material in a concentrated aqueous trehalose solution having a trehalose concentration of at least 50% at a temperature of at least 70°C to impart crispy mouth feel to said food material, and

ii) collecting the resulting non-fried and dehydrated food material, swelled or deformed with respect to the original shape, from said concentrated aqueous trehalose solution.

2. (Original) The food product according to claim 1, wherein said food material is partially pre-dehydrated by soaking in an aqueous trehalose solution.

3. (Original) The food product according to claim 1, wherein said food material is a member selected from the group consisting of fruits, vegetables, seeds, meats, fishery products, seaweeds, and processed products thereof.

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4-5. (canceled)

6. (Original) The food product according to claim 1, which is adhered and coated with crystalline trehalose dihydrate.

7-10. (Cancelled)